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DEPT FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ; ALSO PASS NICOSIA AND USUN

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TAGS: PEPR, CY, TU, GR
SUBJ: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY URQUHART ON UNSYG'S TRIP

REF: ATHENS 0507

1. IN MY CONVERSATION JANUARY 17 WITH URQUHART ABOUT WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO ANKARA, NICOSIA AND ATHENS, (REFTEL) I SAID WE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT WALDHEIM MIGHT BE CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM ECEVIT ASKING FOR A SUMMIT MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS.
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AFTER A CONSIDERABLE PAUSE, URQUHART REPLIED THAT WALDHEIM HAD IN FACT PASSED SUCH A MESSAGE TO CARAMANLIS BUT THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE VERY CAREFULLY PROTECTED SO AS NOT TO DAMAGE WALDHEIM'S USEFULNESS AS A GO-BETWEEN. CARAMANLIS HAD REPLIED THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE, ANY SUCH MEETING SHOULD BE WELL PREPARED IN ADVANCE TO AVOID FAILURE IN THE FULL GLARE OF

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PUBLICITY AND AN EVEN WORSE IMPASSE WHICH WOULD FOLLOW. WALDHEIM HAD ASSURED CARAMANLIS THAT ECEVIT TAKES AN EQUALLY SENSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD PREPARING FOR A SUMMIT BUT HOPES THAT IN DUE COURSE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS FACE TO FACE.

2. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, URQUHART SAID BOTH HE AND THE SYG INCREASINGLY BELIEVE NEGOTIATIONS LED BY ONAN AND PAPADOPOULOS WILL NEVER GET ANYWHERE, AS THE TWO MEN HATE AND BRING OUT THE WORST IN EACH OTHER. WALDHEIM IS THINKING OF HAVING A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE HANDLE NEGOTIATIONS AT THAT LEVEL AND WEIGHING IN PERSONALLY ONLY WITH KYPRIANOU AND DENKTASH.
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